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Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 6, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including December 6, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) A method for determining the susceptibility of a bacteria to a reagent selected from an antibiotic or biostatic compound or a compound suspected of having antibiotic or biostatic properties, which method comprises the steps of:

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